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CORONATION OF MISS PRAIRIE VIEW—Miss Drucilla Moore is shown seated on her throne after being crowned Queen of the school by President E. B. Evans. The elaborate ceremonies held recently at Prairie View A & M College climaxed the popular student body election of Miss Moore last October. Others shown are Peggy Ann Engram, flower girl; Betty White, attendant; Fredericka Dean, attendant; Lawrence Williams, ring bearer; James Sullivan, Miss Dean's escort; and Betty Dale Lee, flower girl.

Students and Faculty Rally To Help Victims Of Trailer Fire

Prairie View family rallied to a day of charity to help the victims of a complete-loss trailer fire on Friday night, February 6. The rally was held in the morning at the Freshman Union known origin of the fire.

to an active start. Oscar Smith, Clarence watchman, and Clarence Smith, a student, each undertook individual campaigns and each raised more than twenty-five dollars.

A group of students led by H. Raibe, A. Mangram, and C. Houston sponsored a benefit dance Thursday night. Music was donated by the Collegians. A total of \$281.60 was raised.

The affair was made possible by Miss Bland, Dean of women who gallantly gave up the night allotted for the monthly women's meeting. She also sang on the floor show with Mr. Fuller, Dean of Men, and Mr. Scott, Director of Student Life.

The students whose possessions were burned are Carl D. Adams, Sidney Dancy, and Sidney Sadler. The consideration shown by the Prairie View family, according to Mr. Fuller, "represents one of the most purposeful things ever done on our campus."

Dr. Evans Praises Panther in Vespers Speech

"I have visited many college campuses and met its students, but I know of no better group as a whole than the students of Prairie View," was stated by Dr. Evans in his semi-annual vesper address on Sunday evening, January 3.

The President made many compliments to the student body. He mentioned the success of the trip to Dallas, the improvement in general conduct, and the success of the student publication. The winning of the conference championship in football was cited by Dr. Evans.

A rise in the percentage of "F's" made caused the President to request more time in studying. Men were also asked to refrain from rail-sitting.

Yearbook Goes To Printers Feb. 20

The long awaited Panther Yearbook will return to the Printers February 20.

The 250 page edition is scheduled to be released May 1. It will contain a picture story of all the campus events and personalities covering the past two years.

Labeled the 75th Anniversary edition, one section of the book will feature the progress of Prairie View through its first 75 years. The cost is \$3.75. Office of Information, B6 Adm. Building.

Colleges To Study Resource-Use Education

Representatives of the eight Negro colleges in Texas will convene at Prairie View A & M College Saturday for a conference on resource-use education.

Sponsored by the Texas Education Agency the conference will be under the direction of Lewis Spears, state consultant in Resource-Use Education. J. L. Brown, director of extramural services here is serving as coordinator for the program.

The one-day session is the fourth in a series sponsored by the TEA for the purpose of instituting and revitalizing resource-use education in the colleges throughout the state.

PANTHER CLOSES SUCCESSFUL CLUB POPULARITY CONTEST

The White Caps of '54, an organization of student nurses at Prairie View A & M College, emerged winners in the very popular Club-of-the-year contest held at the college last week. The allfemale group won the student organization race with a total of 225 votes.

Dorothy Mae Knighton, a freshman from Newton, Texas, who serves as Queen of the nurses, received the coveted crown as Queen of Clubs. The PV-Houston Club was second place winner with 224 votes. and the Bi-Stone Club took third place with 208 votes. Alma Jean Brazos was queen of the Houston group and Mayward Brewer served as first lady for the Bi-Stone hometowners.

The dramatic and colorful Club Queen Ball climaxed the month-long contest.

An intermission was called after considerable dancing and C.A. Wood, Director of Public Relations at the college, made the announcements as to the number of votes amassed by each club. The White Caps of '54 which is the nurses' club, won the contest.

The Queen, Miss Knighton, sat in the royal chair which had a background an enormous queen of clubs card.

The Queen of Clubs was crowned by Miss Prairie View, who had received the crown from Joe Holliday of radio station KTHH in Houston.

Next came the presentation of a permanent bronze plaque to the president of the winning club, Miss Loretta Pierre. The plaque was presented by Costus Ayers, the famed Dr. Daddy-O of radio. The inscribed words were: "This plaque is presented by the Student Publications Department in recognition of the student organization contributing the most in the interest of progress in PANTHER Publications."

A Panther Program was presented in honor of the Queen and winning club. This program featured

two dances by the Curl Dancers: "Haiti" and "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue"; and the dance "Jealousy" by Thelma Wallace and James Sullivan. The Curl Dancers are Mildred Hodges, Thelma Wallace, Mary Polk, Blandene Curl, Wendell Venable, James Sullivan, Otis Morris, Cal LaFall, Fred Flannagan, and

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BUSY SEASON STARTS—

N F A TOURNAMENT OPENS LID ON CONFERENCES AND MEETS

The annual New Farmers of America Basketball Tournament played here Friday and Saturday was the beginning of a host of conferences, tournaments and special meetings which will bring more than 10,000 visitors to the campus before May.

County agricultural and home demonstration agents will hold their

state meeting beginning February 12. This group plans several short courses in Foods and nutrition, poultry management and marketing, soil and vegetable, livestock and milk production.

On February 13, representatives of all the Negro colleges in the state will meet here with Mr. Lewis Spears of the Texas Education Agency to discuss resource-use education.

The Interscholastic League basketball tournament featuring "A" and "AA" class district winners will move in on February 22-23. Agricultural supervisors and Negro Teacher Trainees representing 17 southern states will convene here February 27 for one of the most important conferences of the series.

The Annual Post graduate medical Assembly which brings to the campus most of the Negro Physicians in the state is scheduled to head the March calendar, followed almost immediately by the Educational Conference on March 7. Other events in

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Schedule of Events

February

- 12-15—Agriculture Agents Conference
- 15—College Basketball
- 22-23—League Cage Tournament
- 27—Southern Agents Conference

March

- 3—Medical Assembly
- 7—Educational Conference
- 15—League Band Contest
- 20-22—NFA-NFA Conference
- 25-26—MidSemester Examinations
- 31—Nurses Conference

The Winners and Champions



THE WHITE CAPS OF '54, winners of the recent club contest sponsored by the Panther, student publication at Prairie View A & M College, are pictured here. Officers of the club (above) are STANDING (left to right) Freddie Mae Burnett—graduate nurse, Clarice Wilson, Dorothy Jackson, Annie L. West, Jane Coruthers, Dorothy Knighton, Mrs. D. B. Phillips—Superintendent of Nurses; SEATED: Lavern Bradford, Zannizzine LaDay, Faye Culpepper, and Loretta Pierre—President. Members are: Est Row—Faye Culpepper, Evelyn Trimble, Mary F. Shelton, Loretta Pierre, Annette Burley, Willie M. Woods, Lenore Ingram, Louie Foreman, Bertrua Randall, Charlyn Tillery, Maxine Richards. 2nd Row—Miss Burnett, Mrs. Phillips, Bobbie Russell, Winnie J. Shorten, Willie M. Bowie, Lois Lewis, Jimmie L. Murphy, Billie J. Johnson, Mar-

tha Sells, Pearlina Gladney, Dorothy Wesley, Dorothy Grismore, Margaret Wells, and Misses S. L. Conley and A. Colberson—of nursing staff. 3rd Row—Dorothy Jackson, Dorothy Barefield, Lillian Wright, Mildred O'Neal, Bessie Burnett, Jane Coruthers, Katherine Brooks, Annie L. West, Iva Taylor, Clarine Jones. 4th Row—Lavern Bradford, Beadie Sample, Dorothy Knikhton, Johnnie M. Bailey, Virginia Foote, Grace Burleson, D'Arcy Rogers, Mary Rogers, Barnell Johnican, Reddie Pittman, Otha Caesar. 5th Row—Amy Mapps, Bessie Berry, Ruth Barrett, Joyce Wade, Geneva Hunter, L'Rita Mergerson, Frances Richards, Myrtle Bouchum, Frances Hailey, Ella Coleman. 6th Row—Lorene Smith, Imogene Reeves, Magalene Henderson, Zannizzine LaDay, Lillie B. Wofford, Dorothy McKinney, Nona Fisher, Clarice Wilson.

Editorially Speaking . . .

FLUNKAGE PERCENTAGE UP;
SOMEONE SHOULD WORRY

This college experienced a rise of four per cent in the number of persons flunking courses last semester over the percentage of last year. Such results should cause alarm and correctory action on the part of students and faculty.

The reason is to be considered from two angles, the faultiness of instructors and the faultiness of students. Prairie View, just as several other leading institutions in the state, is noted for its severity in grades—but, it is the opinion of this writer that such a practice can be overdone.

In education the students have learned that a successful teacher's grades should form a bell shaped curve, with the same amount of A's as F's. The over-all college tabulation for last semester, however, show 8.6 percent A's and 14.8 per cent F's.

It may be, in some cases, that most of the instructor's class don't have the aptitude for the subject. If so, a more workable aptitude test before freshman registration should be put into effect.

An instructor who cannot make his course interesting enough and use other factors to induce his class to study has also failed. He has not gotten his subject matter over, and that is what he is paid to do. For instance, there is the case of the instructor who had thirty-five students in a freshman English class, thirty-two of whom made F's and the other three made D's. Certainly he failed in his job.

Furthermore, a stop should be put to instructors who state "The author of the book made an 'A,' I made a 'B,' your best can only be a 'C.' This places a psychic barrier in the minds of many students.

To make "lousy" pathetic, there is the instructor who makes an assignment from the book, and takes class period to tell jokes, and talk about various and sun-dry nothings. This is assumed to be done by the teacher to nourish his subjective ego. Then when finals come his examinations cover what he has assigned to be studied, but the same of which he has not discussed.

ON THE OTHER HAND

It is a known fact that much time at our school is wasted by the students. There is no decent place in the world of progress for the person who makes every dance, helps open the door at the gym every night something occurs, and suffers from "card-philia," etc. Today's world is seeking the prepared college student who has, as Dr. Banks said, "Prairie View has gone through him, rather than he has gone through Prairie View."

Without doubt, many of the 14.8 per cent "F's" are a result of a lack of adjustment by the student himself.

The solution to the problem lies in a rejuvenation of policies and of both sides—the student and the instructor.—J. Randolph Lee

M-CADETS SCORE IN RECITAL

The Singing Cadets of Aggieland, Texas' most colorful men's singing group, were presented in a concert at Vesper Service Sunday evening, February 10.

A portion of the program was aired on the regular Sunday Prairie View program at 7 o'clock over station KLEE.

The songs were designed to bring the audience a cross-section of choral literature. Included on the program were Bach's "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" and "Break Forth O Beauteous, Heavenly Light," "Gloria in Excelsis" from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass," "Adoramus To Christe" by Palestrina, and Rochmaninoff's "To Thee O Lord, Do I Lift Up My Soul".

Other numbers included were the ever popular "Dry Bones" and Ringwald's stirring arrangement of "The Holy City".

Featured soloists with the Singing Cadets were: Harold Hughes, tenor from Abilene, Ben Blanken-

ship, baritone from Abilene, Tommy Butler, tenor from Waco, and Tommy Savage, bass from Port Arthur. The director of the Singing Cadets is Bill Turner, who came to Texas A & M in 1944.

Coming from a college which is noted for its military life and athletics, the Singing Cadets represent a part of the student life which is rapidly receiving recognition throughout Texas.

Club Contest Closes

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Claude Flannagan, J. Randolph Lee served as emcee.

The dance room was gaily decorated. Multi-colored balloons formed a ceiling; at the entrance was a giant-sized replica of the Prairie View PANTHER.

The affair was planned and executed by members of the joint PANTHER newspaper and annual staffs together with Mrs. C.A. Wood and Mrs. E.R. Owens, who decorated

MUSIC FOR
MILLIONS

By Edwardlene Fleeke

"Charmaine," "Because of You," "I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night" and "Because of your 'Cold, Cold Heart,'" "I Walk Alone" in "Bermuda" "Weeping and Crying." "Tell Me Why" "I'm Bewildered" and "Lost In The Night?" "Again," I say, "I Love You Madly" for you're "Too Marvelous for Words." "It's Been a Long, Long Time" but "Remember When" you wore "Blue Velvet" and we had "Tea For Two" on "A Night on Bop Mountain." "Charmaine," "Tell Me Why" "It's Needless" to "Love You?" "I'm With You" "Always" "Till the End of Time" and "I Can't Get You Off My Mind" but "Best Wishes" for remember "A Man Ain't Supposed to Cry."

"Always"

"Bill"

Songs can be used in most any category as exemplified in the above love letter to "Charmaine" from "Bill."

They can be used for a light side too as the following:

When "On Top of Old Smokey" "Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes at Me" "Because" "I Ain't In The Mood For Love." "Get Yourself Another Fool" for my "Wheel of Fortune" shows "I'm Tired of Crying Over you."

ed the stage, and Mr. F.G. Fry, chief engineer of the college.

The Contest club roster included:

1. White Caps of '54—225 votes
Loretta Pierre, President
Dorothy Knighton, Queen
2. Houston—224 votes
Sam Williams, President
Anna Jean Brazos, Queen
3. Bi-Stone—208 votes
Ola...
Mayward Brewer, Queen
4. Navasota—108 votes
Burnis Hall, President
Mona Lee Fisher, Queen
5. Lufkin-Doches—89 votes
George Willis, President
Ella Lathan, Queen
6. Catholic Youth Action—84 votes
J.H. Teno, President
Bortina Chaison
7. Sociology—72 votes
Imogene Ford, President
Betty Redd, Queen
8. Business Administration — 67 votes
Curtis Warren, President
Earline Wilcots, Queen

9. Fort Worth—64 votes
Louis Childress, President
Dorothy Jean Harvey, Queen
10. Dallas—60 votes
Reginald Carrington, President
Tommie Jean Brotherton
11. Malakoff—50 votes
Clemortene Williams, President
Bettye Jean Connor, Queen
12. Charm—41 votes
Dorothy Cleaver, President
Mildred Clack, Queen
13. Como Se Dice?—40 votes
Clarence Wallace, President
Nola Jean Simon, Queen
14. Tem-Bell—32 votes
Floyd Warren, President
Vina Mayse, Queen
15. Fort Bend County—30 votes
Henry Melton, President
16. Crescendo—30 votes
W.T. Carron, President
Cleopatra Donley, Queen
17. West Texas—25 votes
Charles Brown, President
18. Mechanic Arts—29 votes
Willie F. Shepard, President
Doris Faye Jennings, Queen
19. Brenham—24 votes
Frederick Sheppard, President
20. Tyler—24 votes
Raphael Harrison, President
Maureline Palmer, Queen
21. Marons of Innovation—20 votes
Harold Taylor, President
Imogene Ford, Queen
22. San Antonio—20 votes
Harold Taylor, President
Doris Hardwick, Queen
23. Texarkana—20 votes

The Happenings

Say hep cats and slick chicks, it's 1952; second semester is here; so, let's see what's new.

It seems as though Rudolph Wilkerson and Willie Smith are in a "fight" to the finish over Miss Hill.

Another touchdown for the Panthers, or shall we say "A Panther." We notice that freshman Johnny Price has moved James Garrett from the House of Holloway, how about that Effie?

Speaking of the Panthers, we notice a certain end, namely Billy Howard, is tackling hard for Lois Morgan. Say Arban Cannon, what happened to you?

It seems as though we called Carl Tigner a lone wolf too soon for he seems to be making a big howl for Doris Anderson.

A little bird told us that Virginia Berry, a popular sophomore, was sharing most of her time with John Stewart. We know you miss him since he left.

Jean Green, we notice that you have a lot of influence over Howard Robinson. We notice that he is on his P's and Q's.

We must say that Johnny Reed and Nadine Carr are really making a "go" of it.

The two freshman twins in Blackshear Hall, Raye and Faye, are raising a lot of sand lately—or is it just dust that will soon die down?

Lonely hearts for this edition include: John Fontenot, Arthur Dynes, Harold Taylor, Bradford Route, James Petty, Horace Rivers, J. C. Jones, Lorrene Southall, Edithia Brigham, Vivian Faye, Winnie Shorten, Betty Redd, Dorothy Wallace, Marie Riggs, LaVerne Bradford, Emory Brooks, and Blossom Odum.

Milton DeRouen, congratulations, we are glad that cute Grace Girard found your weakness.

Ella Lathan had a distinguished visitor on the campus last weekend in the person of Pfc. Wade W. Fears. Pfc Fears is at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. No wonder Miss Lathan has been bubbling over with smiles!

Nola Jane Simon has been seen walking the best with Benjamin McGill. Is it really so? Or is it a front?

Mittie Dow, where does your heart lie? In the Graduate school? Good luck Henry Wise, you made a great landing.

Naoma Blocker, glad you are in a grand position but don't lose any more friends, they come before any job. Mr. Boyer is still the manager of the dining hall.

Hey chicks, guess what? Albert "Plooky" Lewis has hit the campus; may the best girl win. Watch out Chu Chu. Old flames never die.

Tribble Jean Summers, this is leap year; don't be ashamed. Go after him.

Billy Roberts, you and Jerry are like two fishes in a pond.

What cute little chick from Galveston is that that hit the campus with a knock out second semester? She is about 5'... complexion, brown hair and oh, oh, oh—I hear her name is...

Salute to the couples of the month:

George Willis	Jewel Douglas
Howard Robinson	Jean Green
Perry Daniels	Mildred Hodges
Donald Fulbright	Mae Helen Wilson

Paul Boardinghom, President	Thelma Bailey, Queen
24. Cavaliers—20 votes	25. Marshall—9 votes
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Manpower Needs Studied In 3 - Day Career Conference

Preparing youth for manpower needs was the theme of the career conference held at Prairie View A & M College February 3-5.

Special speakers for the three-day meeting included Jesse O. Thomas, Information specialist with the Office of Price Stabilization, Washington, D. C., and Daniel Towler, famous fullback for the Los Angeles Rams, National Professional football champions.

A panel discussion on "careers for college" featured outstanding representatives of several fields of service. Maceo Johnson, of the Texas State Employment Service, Dallas, spoke in behalf of industry. T. D. Armstrong, operator of a Galveston Realty company represented the Real Estate Field and Joseph H. Funches, Houston manager for the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company discussed Insurance.

Others in the panel included Eristus Sams, local farmer and rancher, L. Chase, Austin Lumber dealer, and both Thomas and Towler.

Dean S. Yarbrough, chairman of the department of Sociology served as director of the conference and J. L. Brown was coordinator. Student leaders were Lois Jordon and Frederick Todd.



MISS PANTHERETTE Grace Gerard, the gracious lassie from Beaumont, is shown at a typewriter which she actually knows how to manipulate. She is a graduate of Charlton-Pollard and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Earnest Gerard. Her extra-curricular activities include membership in the Catholic Club and Beaumont Club. The lady prepared for her future by majoring in Home Economics (and what could be better for a future wife).

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He urged graduates, college seniors who will be graduated within the next six months, to file an application for the Junior Professional Assistant examination.

"More than thirty different types of positions, from Personnel Assistant to Legal Examiner, are being filled from the Junior Professional Assistant register," Figg said. "It is assuming increasing importance in making appointments to responsible positions in the Federal service."

Beginning salary for these positions was recently advanced to \$3410 per year.

Senior college students and graduates should obtain a copy of the examination announcement so that they may fully inform themselves of all the conditions of becoming a candidate. The announcement and other application forms are available at all first- and second-class post offices.

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First Negro Enrolls At U. of Tennessee

Another color bar has been dropped with the enrolling of Gene Mitchell Gray to the graduate school at the University of Tennessee. The 22-year-old bellhop from Knoxville is the father of two children and works part time along with following his graduate work in chemistry.

The University of Tennessee dropped its color bar after the NAACP took the case before the Supreme Court, and agreed to admit Negroes in the colleges of law and graduate schools. Gray received a lot of publicity his first day on the campus. This is another recent step taken in reaching the goal of equal educational opportunities among Negroes.

S. C. Cotton Farmer Becomes Noted Cattle Breeder

A farmer who once went broke raising cotton is rapidly becoming one of the outstanding Negro cattle breeders in the Nation, says a report received last week by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from State Leader E. N. Williams of the South Carolina Extension Service.

The farmer is Elley C. Fore, who operates a 400-acre farm near Marion, S. C., and is helping to promote the production of quality livestock throughout his section.

Starting out to become a breeder 10 years ago, Mr. Fore had then only a few scrub cows and about a dozen hogs. Today, he has 58 head of purebred Hereford cattle and 80 Poland China porkers. During good years, his sale of breeder cattle and hogs and returns from sideline crops

his sons and two tenant families handle, total as much as \$25,000.

Employee Recovers From Burns

Mrs. Mayretta Abram, an employee of the college returned to the campus recently after being in Memorial Hospital in Houston with a 3rd degree burn received in an accident at the college laundry. Mrs. Abram wishes to thank all of the members of the faculty who so graciously helped her in this very critical time.

The Laundry employee expressed the feeling that she had never before seen such a fine spirit of helpfulness and understanding as was shown by her fellow employees.

NFA TOURNAMENT — (Continued from Page 1)

March include the state League band contest, State NFA and NHA conference, and the in-service conference for nurses.

In almost all cases, faculty and students are encouraged to take an active part in these conferences which involve Negro state leaders in all fields of endeavors and public school students, most of whom are prospective P. V. students.

Hits the Spot

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PLANNING SPRING FLOWER SHOW—Members of the College Garden Club are pictured here as follows. SEATED (L to R) Mrs. E. E. O'Banion, Mrs. E. J. Cleaver, Mrs. James Randall, Mrs. F. G. Fry, Mrs. O. J. Thomas and Mrs. Zelia M. Coleman. STANDING, Dr. J. M. Coruthers, President of the group, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Mrs. E. W. Guinn, Mrs. C. A. Wood, Mrs. E. G. High, Mrs. A. W. Randall, Mrs. N. C. Harden, Mrs. G. R. Woolfolk and Mrs. N. A. Jones.

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NURSING SCHOOL ENROLLMENT BREAKS ALL-TIME RECORD

The enrollment of Prairie View nursing students break all records this year with 69 students as of September, 1951, according to Dr. C. F. Calloway, Director of Health and Nursing Education. At Prairie View they consist of 68 freshmen and one candidate for the Degree.

A pre-nurses, Guidance test was given to freshmen students before they were admitted to determine whether or not they had the necessary qualifications. To qualify for the test, one must be from 18 to 34 years of age, have good physical health and of sound character.

Nursing students must spend the first 12 months of their training on campus and maintain an average of C or above. While on campus they are taught basic science courses such as English, Psychology and Sociology, with additional clinical training during the latter six months.

After completion of satisfactory work at Prairie View, nursing students are sent for 18 months to Jefferson Davis Hospital in Houston and three months at John Sea-

ly Hospital in Galveston.

Clinical training at Jefferson Davis includes Medical nursing, Surgical, Obstetrical, pediatric, communicable diseases and Public Health.

At John Sealy, students are trained in Psychiatric nursing. Students must continue to maintain a "C" average throughout their training. After completion of study at John Sealy, a nursing diploma is awarded and the BS degree may be secured by additional work at Prairie View.

All registered nurses except one employed are graduates of the college including the Superintendent of nurses, Miss D.B. Phillips.

Nursing education is at present a five year plan but another plan is underway to reduce the five years to four.

There are also plans for setting up courses for persons interested in practical nursing on the campus.

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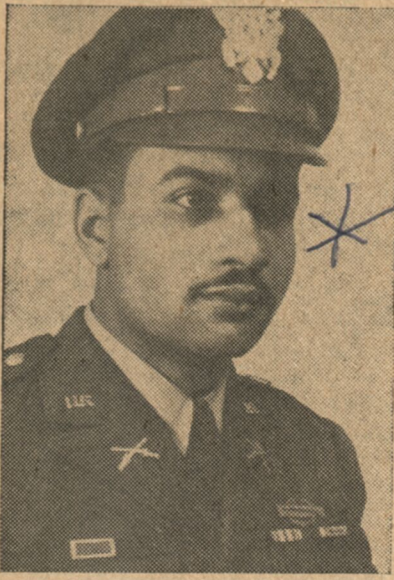
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WINSTON A. WILLIAMS

KOREAN WAR HERO VISITS CAMPUS — Winston A. Williams (class of '50), a well-decorated soldier from the Korean battlefront, and his wife, the former Miss Willie Ethel Duncan ('50), returned to the Prairie View A & M College Campus recently for a visit with friends. Lt. Williams is the recipient of the Silver Star, the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Purple Heart, Korean ribbons, three battle stars, and combat infantry badge. Returning from more than twelve months service at the front, Williams will visit his home state and report to Camp Roberts, California, joining the 24th Infantry Regiment and later the 35th.

Varsity Debaters Invited To National Phi Rho Pi Meet

By James O. Sullivan

After careful selection and consideration, it was announced last week that the National Phi Rho Pi, held at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.

For its outstanding performance in previous years, the varsity debating team of Prairie View was among the very few Negro Colleges to receive a formal invitation to appear in forensic combats beginning February 15 through the 17. Mr. Norman Pope, Extension Division Director, stated in his letter, "Bring all of your debaters. It is an opportunity to promote Phi Rho Pi.

Whether or not the debaters will actually participate is still pending.

Panther Gridders Feted At Banquet

"Deacon Dan" Towler, the Los Angeles Rams great fullback, welcomed the Prairie View A & M College football panthers into 'the hall of champions' as the Southwestern conference winners were feted in a banquet in their honor here Tuesday night.

The professional gridiron ace, who doubles as a devinity student at the University of Southern California described his success with the Championship Rams like this: "I learned to pray like everything; depended on God, and everything depended on me."

The principal speaker listed mental attitude, team spirit, and physical conditions as the outstanding factors for a winning club. "Mental attitude is more than 90 percent of the game," he declared, citing Paul Brown, Cleveland Indians coach as the best example of developing the proper mental attitude.

"Texas' great Doak Walker is my ideal of the perfect physical specimen," Towler continued. He is just like a rubber band; regardless of how they pound and stretch him, he always pops right back in there at his very best." Bob Waterfield, quarterback for the Rams, described by Towler as tops in building team spirit among his players.

Towler challenged the Prairie View team to "go on greater victories in life. Do not try to live on what you have accomplished on the gridiron. But instead use the experience of courage, team-work competition and many others gained on the field in playing the real game of life."

Toastmaster T. R. Solomon, who is Chairman of the Prairie View athletic council.

Some fifty or more former Panthers returned to the campus to pay honor to the champs. Some all time Prairie View gridiron greats were in the guest list including J. R. Farris '22, Dr. C. T. Ewell of Houston '23, R. A. Harrison '22, M. D.



AUTO MECHANICS—E. J. Johnson, instructor in Auto Mechanics, points out factors in the construction and maintenance of the automobile motor to one of his classes. Students in this important trade have an opportunity to gain valuable experience in repair work and in other needed automotive skills.

Brown '31, L. E. Perkins '37, R. A. Sanders '39, Wister Lee '38, K. K. Daingerfield '37, Leroy Marion '40, Edward B. Evans '48, and the Houston minister, Reverend M. M. Pierson '32.

James A. Stevens, director of athletics and head coach, and his staff including Hugh McKinnis, W. J. Nicks, G.S. Gray, and Vernon Wells received gifts honoring them team. Stevens presented the winning conference trophy to Dr. E.B. Evans, President of the college, introduced the outgoing and 1952 captains, and made announcements of the outstanding players of the year.

Vance Heard, 161 pound guard, and John Freeman, 186 pound center, were named to lead the Panther team in 1952. The freshman sensation, Charles Wright received commendations from his coaches as the most outstanding linesman. Andrew Kelly, senior guard, was named

"best offensive" man and Jack Price "best defensive". The most outstanding back nomination went to Charlie "Choo Choo" Brackins, versatile freshman from Dallas and Willie Pruitt was rescribed by Coach Stevens as the valuable player.

Ray Dillon, two-time All-American back and one of the most colorful athletes in Prairie View history, was praised by the coaches and other speakers along with his cocaptain, Donald Grace. Both are among the eight seniors on the squad. Others singing swan songs are Joseph Henry, quarterback; Edward Price, halfback; Grace, Kelly, Peyton Womack, halfback; Pruitt and Ira Franklin, 261 pound tackle.

Other speakers on the program included President E.B. Evans; Dr. J.M. Drew, Dean of Instruction; and Dr. E.M. Norris, chairman of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Entertainment was furnished by the Men's Glee Club under the direction of C.S. Garrett, and the

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Major League Teams With Negro Players Leading Circuit

St. Louis, Mo.—The important role of Negro players in the major leagues, since Jackie Robinson broke in with the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947, is emphasized in an exclusive story in the February 6 issue of The Sporting News.

Constituting the first over-all appraisal of the part taken by Negro performers in determining the outcome of the pennant races, the copyrighted story pointed out:

1. No major league club using Negro players as regulars throughout an entire season has ever finished out of the first division. Four of them—the Dodgers in 1947 and 1949, the Cleveland Indians in 1948 and the New York Giants in 1951—won pennants.

2. Only five teams in the majors used Negro players all last season—and all five clubs finished in the first division. Eleven teams did not use them all season—and only three of those teams gained first-division berths. The story said, "It looks as though second-division clubs have something to ponder."

3. When the vote for the Most Valuable Player was taken last fall, three of the first six men in the

balloting were Negroes. Roy Capanella of the Dodgers was first, Monte Irvin of the Giants, second, and Robinson, who had previously won in 1949, was sixth. In the American League's MVP voting, Orestes Minoso of the Chicago White Sox was fourth.

4. Negro players came close to sweeping the baseball writers' Rookie of the Year awards. Willie Mays of the Giants won in the National League. In the American, Minoso was edged out by Gil McDougald of the Yankees by two votes, but he was named Rookie of the year by the Sporting News, a selection that won wide support.

The Sporting News, which devotes two pages to stories on the general theme that Negroes are strengthening their position in Organized Ball, noted that the Texas League may have Negro players this year.

Perhaps the greatest figure of all time, Ty Cobb, a native of Chicago, was quoted as saying that he had no prejudice whatever against the use of Negroes in any sport. "Anyone who qualified as a gentleman," Cobb said, "is qualified anywhere, regardless of his color."



PANTHERETTE CAGERS are shown here all in smiles after a recent victory. The popular sextet is experiencing a rather successful season—proving to be a feature attraction on the local fieldhouse floor.

Chesterfield Appoints Flanagan

The campus Merchandising Bureau of New York announced the appointment of Claude C. Flanagan as its Chesterfield representative on the campus.

Flanagan is a senior from Henderson and is very active on the campus.

The local Chesterfield representative, Claude Flanagan, announced

Bridge Tournament Scheduled March 17

The Faculty Bridge Tournament which is sponsored by the Women's Welfare Committee will be held on March 17.

that two cartons of Chesterfields will be given to the winning partners of the Faculty Bridge Tournament on March 17.

Garrison Crowned NFA Cage Champs

Garrison High School, coasted into the championship with a 65-47 win over Neches here today in the new Farmers of America's annual state basketball tournament.

The champs downed three teams in winning the title; Macedonia 65-26; Rockdale 72-35 and Neches in the final 65-47. Second place Clemmons High of Neches won over Navasota 48-41 and West Columbia 67-65 before being nosed out by Garrison.

Elgin, Pruitt, Navasota and Emmett School, Tyler, were eliminated in the first run off. Charlie Brown High School of West Columbia defeated Rockdale for the third place trophy.

The ten teams registered represented district winners in Areas 1, II and III. Garrison comes from Area 1, in upper East Texas.

Trophies were presented to the winners by J. R. Powell and E. M. Norris, state vocational agriculture representatives. The athletic program for youth in vocational agriculture is offered principally for rural schools where many of them are unable to participate in interscholastic league competition

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